

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph **0003** on page 1 to read as follows:

[0003] Conventional pad printing systems use a deformable pad which receives ink, transferred as an image, from a flat cliché plate. The plate has an etching or engraving of the indicia formed therein. Ink is transferred from an ink supply to the plate, and fills into the etched areas. The deformable pad is then pressed onto the plate and the ink is picked up by the pad. The image is ~~the~~ then transferred to the curved surface which is to be printed. To re-ink the pad, in a commonly used arrangement, an inverted cup containing a quantity of printing ink is used to supply ink to the cliché plate. To apply a new coating of ink to the cliché plate, the ink cup and plate are moved relative to each other following each ink transfer operation.

Please amend paragraph **0026** on page 4 to read as follows:

[0026] In the illustrated embodiment, the turret 14 is mounted to the frame 12 at an angle α such that the rotational axis A A_{14} of the turret forms an angle of about 45 degrees to the horizontal. It will, however, be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the angle α at which the turret axis A_{14} lies relative to the horizontal can be any angle. The pad assemblies 18, 20 are mounted to the turret 14 at an angle β relative to one another of about 90 degrees. The angle β between the assemblies can be any angle between (but exclusive of) zero degrees and (inclusive of) 180 degrees.

Please amend paragraph **0040** on page 4 to read as follows:

[0040] From the foregoing it will be observed that numerous ~~modification~~ modifications and variations can be effectuated without departing from the true spirit and scope of the novel concepts of the present invention. It is to be understood that no limitation with respect to the specific embodiments illustrated is intended or should be inferred. The disclosure is intended to cover by the appended claims all such modifications as fall within the scope of the claims.

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Amendment A

Amendments to the Figures:

Amendments to the figures are shown on the appended sheet 3 of 3 (FIG. 5A) in which reference character A₂₀ has been changed to A_{20in}, reference character P has been deleted (paragraph 1 of the Official Action) and reference character H has been added to show the object holder (as noted in paragraph 2 of the Official Action, and as described in paragraph 0033 of the specification). Applicant respectfully requests entry of this replacement sheet in the application file, and submits that these minor changes add no new matter.

In addition, submitted concurrently herewith is a set of formal drawings for entry in the present application file.